

cipal amount in case of short term loans to small and marginal farmers.

(vi) Where default is due to genuine reasons, banks should schedule the instalments under term loans

Export of Leather Goods

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PAO GUNDEWAR
SHRI PHOOOL CHAND VERMA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) the details of the leather goods exported particularly from Delhi, during each

of the last three years and the current year, country-wise,

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned, country-wise,

(c) the steps taken or proposed be taken by the Government to boost the export of leather products,

(d) whether the export of leather/skin has been restricted, and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P
CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (e) A Statement is
enclosed

STATEMENT

Exports of leather and leather products since 1988-89 have been as follows:

(Value in Rs. Crores)

S. No.	Item	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	(Value in Rs. Crores) 1991-92 (Apr '91-Jan '92) Prov)	
		3	4	5	6	
1.	Semi-Finished Leather	45.00	21.06	3.97	-	
2.	Finished Leather	649.88	693.53	765.62	559.92	
3.	Footwear	130.17	171.43	210.44	227.32	
4.	Footwear Components	425.62	518.25	609.96	795.50	
5.	Leather Garments	166.15	332.88	579.20	495.15	
6.	Other Leather Goods	191.55	292.88	408.62	310.70	
Total.....		1608.37	2030.03	2577.81	2338.59	

(Source: Council for Leather Exports)

While separate figures for exports from Delhi are not maintained, exports of leather and leather products from the northern region including Delhi were about 21% of the total exports during 1990-91

The county-wise exports of leather and leather products and hence foreign exchange earned since 1988-89 are indicated below

S/ No	Country	1988-89		1989-90		1990-91		1991-92 (Apr-Dec 91)	
		2	3	4	5	6			
1	Germany	474 53	594 82	630 81	478 09				
	The Erstwhile USSR	340 24	3385 34	315 81	321 29				
2	USA	210 54	260 70	314 73	321 76				
4	Italy	119 57	184 69	310 18	206 62				
5	UK	176 18	227 17	309 20	250 47				
6	France	95 20	81 82	112 99	103 10				
7	Japan	30 10	31 38	50 07	33 60				
8	Australia	NA	41 56	46 16	41 83				
9	Spain	14 85	26 83	•	45 23	49 12			
	Hong Kong	35 65	NA	44 71	56 81				
	Netherlands	26 12	29 64	43 16	34 95				
	Singapore	NA	NA	40 09	30 43				
13	Denmark	14 34	31 57	39 62	37 95				

Sl. No.	Country	1988-89		1989-90		1990-91		1991-92 (Apr-Dec '91)	
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
14.	Portugal	16.06		27.89		37.17		31.98	
15.	Canada	18.22		32.46		29.29		28.33	
16.	Others	36.77		134.16		208.59		312.26	
	Total.....	1603.37		2030.03		2577.81		2338.59	

(Source: Council for Leather Exports)

(c) To encourage export of leather products, Government has taken a number of promotional measures which inter-alia include

(1) duty free import of leather in raw, semi finished form to supplement domestic availability of leather,

(II) import of other raw materials, consumables, accessories, chemicals and capital goods with concessional duties

(iii) strengthening design and development programmes,

(iv) augmenting man power training both within the country or outside,

(v) establishing industrial estates and promoting common facility centres and

(vi) improving quality of Indian leather products and making them more competitive in the world market

(d) and (e) The Government policy is to progressively displace the exports of raw materials by value-added leather products and towards this end, exports of raw hides and skins and semi-finished leather have already been banned. Export of finished leather, though allowed at present, is subject to an export duty of 10%

Merger of AFCL with NABARD

4994 SHRI MOHAN RAWALE Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether various committees set up by the Union Government from time to time have suggested that the Agricultural Finance Corporation Limited be converted into a subsidiary of the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development to ensure better results in the field of agriculture and rural development,

(b) whether any decision has since been taken,

(c) if so the details thereof and,

(d) if not, the reasons therefore and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (c) The role of Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd (AFC) was received by the Committee to Review Arrangement for Institutional Credit for Agriculture and Rural Development (CRAF CARD) in 1981. The Committee had recommended the continuance of AFC as an independent consultancy organisation with close links with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). AFC continues to be an autonomous body, providing consultancy services both in India and abroad and carrying out its activities in an objective manner, as an independent organisation

(d) In view of the above, the question does not arise

[Translation]

Patrolling Boats In EEZ

4995 SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) the total area of the Exclusive Economic Zone,

(b) the estimated number of patrolling boats required to keep vigil in this area,

(c) the number of boats which are in operation at present, and